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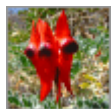
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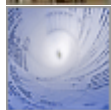
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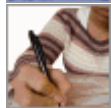
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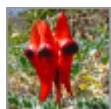
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South Australian Statistical News and Releases



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATISTICAL NEWS AND RELEASES

ABS NEWS AND RELEASES

SA Stats

SA Stats provides an overview of the state's population and economy. This publication is updated on a monthly basis, with most releases also containing a feature article on socio-economic and environmental issues of interest.

SA Stats, November 2010

This month's article explores the recently released National Regional Profile (NRP). The NRP draws together ABS and non-ABS data to provide snapshots for over 2,000 regions across Australia. As well as highlighting key features of the product and new data items, the article also demonstrates how the NRP can be used to quickly find data for your region, using the Local Government Areas of Coober Pedy, Holdfast Bay and Salisbury as examples.

SA Stats, October 2010

This month's edition of SA Stats includes an article about making better use of public sector information. Government organisations are increasingly interested in sharing data and making it available for public use to help build a comprehensive and coherent statistical picture of the economy, society and the environment. Data sharing allows maximum use of data for statistical purposes and enhances the decision-making capability of governments and communities. The article provides a brief overview of 'A Good Practice Guide to Sharing Your Data with Others', developed by the National Statistical Service (NSS) and the ABS. The guide provides a non-technical introduction to data sharing and describes the key concepts and components of data sharing arrangements and agreements.

SA Stats, September 2010

September's feature article provides an overview of the changes in full-time student, school and teaching staff numbers in South Australia between 1993 and 2009. The article particularly focuses on the changes in male staff numbers, both by sector (government and non-government) and by school level (primary and secondary). In 2009, almost one-third (31.3%) of South Australia's teaching staff were male, the highest proportion of all states and territories in Australia. This is despite the proportion of male teaching staff in schools falling from 37.5% in 1993 to 31% in 2009.

National Regional Profile

The latest version of the National Regional Profile (NRP) was released on 22 November

2010.

The NRP presents a range of social and economic indicators over a five year period, from 2005 to 2009. In addition to the broad range of economic and social data such as income, age, occupation, building approvals and agriculture, this edition of the NRP contains new data on tourist accommodation and additional government payments.

The NRP uses a Google Maps based interface, making it easy to find data for your region. Data are available for Local Government Areas, Statistical Local Areas and other larger geographies.

Selected findings for South Australia include:

- The Local Government Area (LGA) of Copper Coast had the fastest average annual growth rate of population outside of the capital city from 2004-05 to 2008-09, reaching a population of 12,901 in 2008-09.
- Copper Coast also recorded large increases in the number of people receiving the Baby Bonus and Family Tax Benefit over the period 2004-05 to 2008-09.
- The LGA of Burnside had the highest average value of private sector houses in 2008-09 of \$418,100.
- Outside of Adelaide, the Wattle Ranges LGA in the south east had the highest average house value of \$234,000.
- The LGAs of Coorber Pedy (73.5%) and Peterborough (65.4%) had the highest proportion of motor vehicles 10 years or older in SA in 2008-09.

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Water Account Australia

Released 29 November 2010, [Water Account Australia, 2008-09](#) (cat. no. 4610.0) presents information on the supply and use of water in the Australian economy in 2008-09.

The aim of the Water Account Australia is to integrate data from different sources into a consolidated information set making it possible to link physical data on water to economic data. It consists of supply and use tables (referred to as flow tables) for both physical and monetary volumes. Accounts like this can facilitate the understanding of a range of issues, including the consequences of economic growth, contributors to particular environmental problems and implications of environmental policy measures across sectors.

Findings for South Australia include:

- In 2008-09, SA consumed 1,168 GL of water, a 14% decrease since 2004-05.
- SA's total water consumption per capita was 719kL, above the Australian average of 642 kL per capita.
- SA households recorded the third highest average water price, paying on average \$2.30 per kL in 2008-09 compared to the Australian average of \$1.93 per kL.
- Agricultural activities consumed 902 GL or 77% of total water consumption for the State. This is a drop of 11% from 2004-05.
- The manufacturing industry is a significant user of water in SA, consuming 88GL or 8% of the state's total water consumption.

Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas

Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas, Time Series, 2003-04 to 2007-08 (cat. no. 6524.0.55.002) was released on 14 September 2010. It contains estimates of the sources and amount of personal income people received for the years 2003-04 to 2007-08. The estimates have been compiled using aggregated individual income tax data from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Key findings for South Australia include:

- Walkerville recorded the highest average total income of \$67,690 in 2007-08, closely followed by Roxby Downs (\$66,400).
- South-west Burnside (\$61,109), east Unley (\$60,212) and north-east Mitcham (\$59,120) round out the top five income areas in the state.
- 25 percent of regions in South Australia recorded average total incomes above the state average (\$40,488).
- Other areas outside of Adelaide recording slightly higher than average total incomes were in the Flinders Ranges (\$44,741) and Whyalla (\$44,699).

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Feature Releases



FEATURE RELEASES

Recent ABS Publications

Measures of Australia's Progress, 2010 (cat. no. 1370.0)

The latest edition of Measures of Australia's Progress (MAP) was released on 15 September 2010. MAP contains a range of information that should help Australians to answer the question 'Is life in Australia getting better?'.

MAP presents reliable, easy to understand information that describes how Australia is progressing across a range of social, economic and environmental measures. Topics covered include health, education and training, work, crime, income, housing and biodiversity.

This edition of MAP also presents a feature article on the [Future directions in measuring Australia's progress](#) and an [interactive blog](#) where you can provide feedback and contribute to the discussion on MAP.

Australian Social Trends, Sep 2010 (cat. no. 4102.0)

Australian Social Trends draws together a wide range of statistics from the ABS and other official sources to provide a picture of Australian society and how it is changing over time.

The latest edition, released on 29 September 2010, features six articles.

Holidaying abroad

There were a record 6.8 million short-term departures by Australians in 2009-10, equivalent to 31 trips for every 100 Australians.

New Zealanders in Australia

There were 529,200 New Zealand-born people living in Australia in 2009, up by 89% over the last two decades. In 2006, it was estimated that for every 100 New Zealanders living in New Zealand, there were 15 living in Australia.

Parental divorce or death during childhood

Compared with people whose parents did not divorce or separate, those who did were less likely to finish school, more likely to enter a de facto relationship at a younger age, and of those who married, they were less likely to remain married.

The city and the bush: Indigenous wellbeing across Remoteness Areas

While there have been improvements in a range of indicators for Indigenous Australians in recent years, such as school completion rates and employment, inequalities remain evident between Remoteness Areas.

Older people and the labour market

Just over one-third of all people aged 55 years and over (or 1.9 million people) were in the labour force in 2009-10, with this participation rate increasing strongly over the past decade.

Australian workers: Educational and workplace training

The labour force is becoming increasingly skilled with 66% of workers aged 15-64 years having a non-school qualification in 2009, up from 59% in 2001. One third of people aged 25-34 had a bachelor degree or higher, making this group the most qualified.

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Census Data Enhancement Project: An Update, Oct 2010 (cat. no. 2062.0)

The Census Data Enhancement (CDE) project is a major project involving integrating unit record data from the Census of Population and Housing with other ABS and non-ABS datasets to create new datasets for statistical and research purposes.

The project delivers a number of significant benefits, including the improved availability of information to support good government policy making, program evaluation and service delivery and an improved and expanded range of official statistics.

This publication provides an update on the CDE project for the 2011 Census of Population and Housing.

A guide for using statistics for evidence based policy, 2010 (cat. no. 1500.0)

There is an increasing emphasis within Australia, and internationally, on the importance of using good statistical information when making policy decisions. In response to this, the ABS has developed the 'Guide for Using Statistics for Evidence Based Policy'. The guide provides useful information about how statistics can be used to make informed policy decisions and includes information on

- What is evidence based decision making?
- How good statistics can enhance the decision making process
- Using statistics for making evidence based decisions

- Data awareness
- Understanding statistical concepts
- Analysing and evaluating statistical information
- Communicating statistical findings
- Evaluating policy outcomes

This is a useful resource for policy and decision makers and aims to increase the use of appropriate statistics in the decision making process. For further information about the publication or statistical literacy activities, please email statistical.literacy@abs.gov.au.

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Summary of Recent ABS Releases



SUMMARY OF RECENT ABS RELEASES

Economic, Environmental and Social releases

The ABS releases a large volume of publications and only a select few are highlighted here. To see all publications released in the last three months click on the following links.

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Economic Releases

Australian National Accounts: State Accounts, 2009-10 (cat. no. 5220.0)

Released 19 November 2010

This publication contains state and territory estimates of gross domestic product (referred to as gross state product (GSP)) and its components, in current price and chain volume terms, for the years 2001-02 to 2009-10.

Wage and Salary Earner Statistics for Small Areas, Time Series, 2003-04 to 2007-08 (cat. no. 5673.0.55.003)

Released 6 October 2010

This release contains various cross-tabulations of the characteristics of wage and salary earners such as age, sex, occupation and wage and salary income for the years 2003-04 to 2007-08. Data are available for Local Government Areas, Statistical Local Areas and other larger geographies.

Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, Jun 2007 to Jun 2009

(cat. no. 8165.0)

Released 21 October 2010

Presents business counts, including data measuring levels and rates of business entries to and exits from the Australian economy, and business survival. Detailed counts are presented by industry, main state and territory, type of legal organisation, institutional sector, employment size ranges and annual turnover size ranges.

Environmental Releases

Environmental Issues: Water use and Conservation, Mar 2010 (cat. no. 4602.0.55.003)

Released 19 November 2010

Presents information about water usage and water conservation practices of Australian households. It covers a range of topics including household water sources, water usage, and water saving practices inside and outside the dwelling.

Towards an integrated environmental-economic account for Australia (cat. no. 4655.0.55.001)

Released 25 November 2010

This publication describes the concept of environmental-economic accounting as a means of linking the environment and economy, and proposes a new set of work by the ABS to inform these linkages.

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Social Releases

Births, Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 3301.0)

Released 3 November 2010

Contains statistics on live births and fertility for Australia, states and territories and sub-state regions, based on calendar year of registration data. Information on characteristics of the child include place of usual residence, sex, Indigenous status, and age, marital status and country of birth of parents.

Deaths, Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 3302.0)

Released 10 November 2010

Presents statistics on deaths and mortality for Australia, states and territories, and sub-state regions. Information on characteristics of the deceased include place of usual residence, age at death, sex, Indigenous status and country of birth. Information is also provided on infant deaths, life expectancy and death rates.

Children's Participation in Sport and Leisure Time Activities, 2000 to 2009 (cat. no. 4901.0.55.001)

Released 12 November 2010

This feature article uses data from the 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2009 surveys of Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities to look at the changes to children's participation in sport and other recreational activities over time.

Education and Work, Australia, May 2010 (cat. no. 6227.0)

Released 24 November 2010

Presents information about the educational experience and associated characteristics of persons aged 15 to 64 years and 65 to 74 years who are in or marginally attached to the labour force. Includes data on participation in education, highest educational attainment, transition from education to work and current labour force and demographic characteristics.

Involvement in Organised Sport and Physical Activity, Australia, April 2010 (cat. no. 6285.0)

Released 26 November 2010

This publication contains data on the number and characteristics of people involved in organised sport and physical activity, by type of involvement, and whether payment is received.

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Symposiums and Conferences



SYMPOSIUMS AND CONFERENCES

Census | beyond the count



Join us at Census | beyond the count and discover the difference that the Census makes. Registrations are now open!

Registration includes

- Access to both days of the Census | beyond the count conference program, including workshops and the [Connect with Census area](#)
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on both conference days
- Canapes and beverages at the Welcome Reception
- A three course dinner, beverages and entertainment at the Conference Dinner

- Conference satchel bag

Register before 31 December to lock in the 2010 fee of just \$700. The registration fee for 2011 will be \$850.

Accommodation for conference attendees

Hilton on the Park - Melbourne is offering attendees of Census | beyond the count a discounted accommodation rate of just \$225 per night. This rate is available on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of March. The online accommodation booking system for this special rate will be available shortly.

Exhibition and sponsorship

We are now accepting applications for exhibitors and sponsorship at Census | beyond the count and would like to invite friends and supporters of the Census to take up this opportunity.

If you would like to showcase your organisation at this unique event, please visit the conference website for more information.

NatStats 2010



The NatStats 2010 Conference was held from 15-17 September 2010, at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

The conference was very successful and attracted over 460 delegates, 54 presenters and 14 exhibitors both representing users and providers of data from government, business, the media, academia and the wider community.

The overall theme for NatStats 2010: "Measuring what counts: economic development, well-being and progress in 21st century Australia", which explored drivers of economic and related social change that are shaping Australia's future development.

One of the key outcomes of the Conference is the development of a set of Conference Recommendations - broad, strategic objectives that will assist in setting directions for shaping a future statistical system that will be relevant and responsive to future challenges in Australia. The final Recommendations were formally released on 20 October 2010, to celebrate World Statistics Day.

Please visit the NatStats 2010 Website to view the Conference Recommendations, speaker presentations and photos.



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